

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

Applicant: Chevron Pipeline Co.

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Project Name: SAPCO Erosion Repair Project (RM 398156, SB 14006IN)
Date of Application: 09/16/2014

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification for the City of Fairfield SAPCO Erosion Repair Project Affected County: Fresno and Monterey

On September 16, 2014, the State Water Board received an application from Chevron Pipeline Co. (Applicant) requesting Federal Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for activities related to the SAPCO Erosion Repair Project (Project). The Applicant proposes to perform pipeline maintenance activities at four sites along the San Ardo Pipeline Company (SAPCO) pipeline in the Diablo Range between the cities of San Ardo, Monterey County, and Coalinga, Fresno County. The maintenance activities are a follow-up to the inspections conducted as part of the Applicant's pipeline integrity management system in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's hazardous materials and safety regulations. These activities would facilitate the continued safe transportation of natural gas.

At four sites the pipeline has been partially or fully exposed by erosion at creek crossings. Proposed maintenance activities include exposing sections of the pipe in active creek channels, stabilizing the area with river training structures, potentially covering the exposed pipe with articulated concrete mats, rehabilitating the creek, and restoring the appropriate native plants to all areas disturbed by the maintenance activities.

Projected permanent and temporary impacts to Waters of the U.S. and waters of the state are summarized in Table 1, below.

Table 1: Summary of Impacts to Waters of the State and U.S.				
Feature	Permanent Impacts (acre)	Permanent Impacts (linear feet)	Temporary Impacts (acre)	Temporary Impacts (linear feet)
Wetland				
Streambed	0.49	-	0.84	-
Lake/Reservoir				
Ocean/Estuary/Bay				
Riparian				
Isolated Waters				
Total Impacts				

Status of CEQA and other Natural Resource Documents and Permits

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Region, acting as lead agency under CEQA, filed the Notice of Exemption for the Project to the State Clearing House on July 15, 2013 with the exempt status of Categorical Exemption Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land, Section 15304.

The Applicant has filed for authorization under Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide Permit 12, concurrently with this water quality certification application. The Applicant has obtained a Section 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement (Permit # 1600-2012-0239-R4) from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Maria Saenz at (916) 341-5900 or Anamaria.Saenz@waterboards.ca.gov

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in the public notice.

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